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SUBJECT: RULER OF QATAR VISITS EGYPT

1. SHAIKH KHALIFA, RULER OF QATAR, HAS RECEIVED MORE PRESS PLAY DURING HIS JULY 9 TO 13 STATE VISIT TO EGYPT THAN ANY OTHER VISITOR TO EGYPT THIS YEAR WITH EXCEPTION OF PRESIDENT NIXON. ALL NEWSPAPERS HAVE HEADLINED HIS ACTIVITIES AND RUN LARGE PICTURES OF AMIR. AHRAM PRODUCED SPECIAL FOUR PAGE SUPPLIMENT ON QATAR. KHALIFA STAYED AT RAS AL-TIN PALACE IN ALEXANDRIA AND HIS ENTOURAGE TOOK OVER THE ENTIRE PALESTINE HOTEL THERE. MISSION OF HONOR WAS LEAD BY RECONSTRUCTION MINISTER OTHMAN, WHOSE CONSTANT ATTENDANCE UPON KHALIFA GAVE RISE TO MANY JOKES HERE CONCERNING NUMBER OF CHECKS WHICH THE RULER COULD BE INDUCED TO WRITE.

2. KHALIFA HAD SEVERAL LONG SESSIONS, ACCORDING TO PRESS, WITH PRESIDENT SADAT WHO HOSTED BANQUET IN HIS HONOR. SADAT CONFERRED HIGHEST GOE DECORATIONS UPON KHALIFA, SHAIKH NASIR BIN SALIM AL THANI AND DR. HASAN KAMIL. DIVERSIONS ARRANGED FOR

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QATARI GUESTS INCLUDED 2 1/2 HOUR NAVAL REGATTA AND FLYPAST BY

EGYPTIAN AIR FORCE GROUP.

3. COMMENT: SECOND ECHELON MFA OFFICIALS TO WHOM WE HAVE TALKED SEEM

CONFIDENT THAT BLATANT EGYPTIAN PLAY FOR QATARI MONEY WILL PAY OFF.  
KHALIFA SAID UPON ARRIVAL HE CARRIED GREETINGS TO PEOPLE OF EGYPT.  
PEOPLE OF EGYPT, AFTER EXPANDING SUCH LAVISH HOSPITALITY,  
ASSUME HE IS CARRYING HIS CHECKBOOK AS WELL.  
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